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SUBJ: PROPOSED VISIT OF GOVERNOR BENNETT

REF: STATE 214116

1. COINCIDENTALLY WITH ARRIVAL OF REFTEL ADVISING VISIT TO ROMANIA BY GOVERNOR BENNETT IS DOUBTFUL, EMBOFFS WERE INVITED TO COMMITTEE FOR THE PROBLEMS OF PEOPLE'S COUNCILS TO RECEIVE FORMAL INVITATION TO GOVERNOR FROM PRAHOVA COUNTY FIRST SECRETARY ION CATRINESCU: TEXT OF INVITATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

HAVING HEARD OF YOUR APPROACHING VISIT IN EUROPE, I HAVE THE PLEASURE TO EXTEND TO YOU AN INVITATION TO VISIT PRAHOVA COUNTY FOR A PERIOD OF TIME WHICH IS CONVENIENT WITH YOUR PROGRAM.

YOUR PRESENCE IN PLOIESTI, THE ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE OF PRAHOVA COUNTY, WILL BE AN EJOYABLE OCCASION FOR US TO ACQUAINT YOU WITH THE BEAUTY OF THE REGION AND OUR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS. BUT, WILL MEAN, ABOVE ALL, A PROFITABLE EXCHANGE OF OPINION CONCERNING THE CLOSENESS, THE STRENGTHENING AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR RELATIONS.

AWAITING YOUR VISIT, PLEASE BE ASSURED OF OUR HIGHEST ESTEEM AND CONSIDERATION.

2. WE HAVE INFORMED THE OFFICIALS CONCERNED THAT THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT IS NOW UNCERTAIN, GIVEN HIS HEAVY SCHEDULE AND PRIOR COMMITMENTS, BUT THAT A FINAL DECISION HAS NOT YET
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SIDER HIS APPARENT DECISION NOT TO COME. EMBOFFS CAUTIONED THAT
THAT EVEN SHOULD GOVERNOR DECIDE TO COME, VISIT WOULD BE NO
LONGER THAN ONE-TWO DAYS, AT MOST.

3. COMMENT: PLEASE CONVEY CARTINESCU'S INVITATION TO
GOVERNOR BENNETT WHEN YOU CONTACT HIM NEXT WEEK. WE CAN ASSURE
GOVERNOR THAT HE WOULD RECEIVE A MOST WELCOME RECEPTION HERE,
SHOULD HE DECIDE TO MAKE THE VISIT. EMBASSY WOULD ENCOURAGE HIM
TO DO SO. HOWEVER, IF TIMING IS SUCH TO MAKE VISIT AT THIS
TIME IMPOSSIBLE, WE WOULD URGE HIM TO CONSIDER ACCEPTING
INVITATION FOR ANOTHER MORE CONVENIENT TIME IN THE FUTURE,
IF THIS COULD BE MUTUALLY ARRANGED.
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